

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR GENE SHIPLEY
VICE-MAYOR BOB PRIVETT
COMMISSIONER SHANE HARMON
COMMISSIONER DAVID SKILES
CITY MANAGER HARDIE STULCE
CITY RECORDER SARA BURRIS

MEMBERS ABSENT:

COMMISSIONER JIM ADAMS
CITY ATTORNEY SAM ELLIOTT

The minutes of the meeting held May 20, 2010 were approved as presented.

Mayor Shipley presented a “congratulatory” plaque to the Soddy-Daisy High School Lady Trojans, TSSAA / AAA Division 2010 Softball State Champions. The Lady Trojans ended the season with a 52-2 record, 4th in National Ranking in the Fab 50 and #14 in the USA Today Top 25 Teams.

Old business:

2009-2010 ORDINANCE NO. 14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
REZONING FROM M-2 WHOLESALE AND LIGHT INDUSTRY
AND R-5 SINGLE LOT MOBILE HOME DISTRICTS TO M-1
INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, TRACTS OF LAND LOCATED AT
354 GREEN POND ROAD AND A PORTION OF
358 GREEN POND ROAD. SECOND AND FINAL READING.

There was no opposition present to the request.

1st - Commissioner Skiles
2nd - Commissioner Harmon
Ayes - Unanimous

New Business:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
TO PROVIDE FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR 2010-2011 TO BE KNOWN AS THE GENERAL REVENUE
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATE OF
SIXTY-EIGHT POINT SIX CENTS (\$.686) FOR SAID YEAR
PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.

Mayor Shipley stated that this tax rate is the same as last year. There were no comments and/or questions during the public hearing.

1st - Vice-Mayor Privett
2nd - Commissioner Skiles
Ayes - Unanimous

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2010
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2011. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.

Mayor Shipley stated this Ordinance was to set the budget. There were no comments and/or questions during the public hearing. Vice-Mayor Privett stated that the police department budget included funding for two

motorcycles and that he would vote “no” on this being included in the budget. He said it was clearly on the safety aspect and his personal conviction. Mayor Shipley said it had been discussed that the purchase could be for one motorcycle. Commissioner Harmon said he felt every police department should have a motorcycle and could not remember a fatality of a police officer on a motorcycle, adding that his vote would be yes.

Commissioner Skiles said his vote would be no, stating that he had a friend who was hurt badly on one. This individual was an officer who lost his patrol duty after the accident and was assigned to a desk job until retirement. Mayor Shipley said he would vote yes, saying it could be used for parade and public events. Vice-Mayor Privett requested that \$24,000 in the police department overtime budget be removed and placed in the General Fund. He added if it is needed, the funds could be re-authorized at a later date. It was the consensus of the Board to make this change. Mayor Shipley stated that the budget was basically a “bare bones” budget with any additional revenue being allocated toward paving. Mayor Shipley stated that there were two (2) items added to the budget whereby Hamilton County has agreed to contribute 50% of the cost. These items were a “wall of honor” at the Veterans Park at an estimated cost of \$5,000 and a sound system for the KIDS Park at an estimated cost of \$3,500. Mayor Shipley read a request from the Soddy-Daisy Business Association for \$5,000 in funding to assist in getting the organization established. It was the consensus of the Board to include this in the budget. Mayor Shipley stated that pay raises for city employees must be included in the budget but asked that any discussion be postponed until the full Board is present. Vice-Mayor Privett stated that the Pay Plan is normally presented at the second reading.

- 1st - Vice-Mayor Privett - to pass the budget with the removal of the \$24,000 from the police department overtime budget; removal of \$25,000 in the police department budget for motorcycles and to add a \$5,000 donation to the Soddy-Daisy Business Association
- 2nd - Commissioner Skiles
- Ayes - Vice-Mayor Privett and Commissioner Skiles
- Nays - Commissioner Harmon and Mayor Shipley

The Ordinance failed.

Citizens’ Participation:

Johnny Johnson, 9840 Dayton Pike, addressed the Board concerning property he owns at 109B Hamilton Avenue. He said the ditch between 109A and B is filled in and during rains is overflowing. He asked that the ditch be cleaned out. He added that the 109A property is overgrown with the grass not being cut in several weeks. Public Works Director Grant said he has spoken with the property owner about this. Mr. Johnson complained of a light pole in the city hall parking lot. He asked that the light be redirected away from his house. Another request of Mr. Johnson’s was that the grass be cut at 131 Hood Circle. He said this property line continues to Igou Ferry Road and abuts his rear property line. He stated that the grass was over 4’ tall. He added that there were 6 abandoned vehicles on this lot. Vice-Mayor Privett asked if this was the lot where the City demolished the house and placed a lien on the property. Mr. Grant stated this was correct. He said a notice

of violation was sent to the property owner just this week. Discussion was held concerning the City cleaning the lot and placing a second lien on the property.

Mark Leffew, 164 Cox Lane, petitioned the Board to have his wrecker service put on the district rotation. He said he would haul the City's vehicles that are 1-ton and under free of charge. Mayor Shipley stated that the City's Ordinance allows for 3 wrecker service companies in the district rotation. City Manager Stulce said he had spoken with Mr. Leffew about this request and told him a change in the number would be the decision of the Commission. Vice-Mayor Privett asked how long the number has been set at 3. Ronnie McNew, owner of Twin City Wrecker, stated this has been the number since before the City incorporated and that there is not enough business for one wrecker. City Recorder Burris stated that the regulation of wreckers is no longer an Ordinance but a policy. This is now regulated by the State of Tennessee. Discussion was held with it being the consensus of the Board to have the City Attorney review the current policy.

City Manager Stulce reported that he has been working with the Vietnam Veterans on the 4th of July celebration. He made a request to purchase fireworks for the event from Pyro Shows in the amount of \$5,500. Quotes were also requested from Melrose Pyrotechnics, Atlanta Pyrotechnics, and Pyrotechnico with no response. Two of the companies stated that if Pyro Shows was bidding, they could not compete with their price. A motion was made by Commissioner Skiles and seconded by Commissioner Harmon to approve the purchase request and the motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Stulce requested approval of the Board to purchase 6 fire hydrants to be installed on the north end of the City which is serviced by Bakewell Utility. He gave the cost at \$2,400 per hydrant, installed for a total of \$14,400. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Privett to approve the purchase. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harmon and the ayes were unanimous.

City Manager Stulce reported that the work was almost complete on Ducktown Street with the roadway being much improved and ready for paving in the next two weeks.

Vice-Mayor Privett requested that the Commission review and give consideration to improving Green Pond Road, just before Industrial Lift Truck. He said there is a low place in the road that floods during a heavy rain. He said the owner of the property there has agreed to furnish all the dirt to level the roadbed. He said the area was approximately 400 to 500 feet in length. He said the owner had also offered to cut a temporary road on his property to divert the traffic while the work is being done.

ADJOURNMENT 7:51 P.M.

RECORDER SARA BURRIS